COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (LA County CRC)

CRC MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING AND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST (COI) PUBLIC HEARING: Wednesday, August 19, 2021, 7:00 pm

Live Virtual and In-Person Combination (Hybrid Format)

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Agenda

AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Thai V. Le, Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA County CRC) Clerk, called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

Thai Le reviewed the COVID-19 protocols, based on the West Los Angeles College (WLAC) protocols.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-29-20, as an emergency measure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This Executive Order allows local and state agencies to hold virtual meetings via teleconference and make meetings accessible electronically despite open meeting requirements in the Bagley-Keene and Brown Acts. The Governor signed this Executive Order in March 2020 and extended it through September 30, 2021.

The LA County CRC held a hybrid meeting format where Commissioners can attend either in person or virtually and count toward the quorum. Thai V. Le took roll call. A quorum was present.

Yes	In Person	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Late; 7:34p	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	In Person	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	In Person	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	In Person	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	In Person	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	No	Excused	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Doreena Wong





Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda extended a special thank you to West Los Angeles College – President Limbaugh, Vicky Nesia, Tamara Washington, their AV/Technical and maintenance staff, and Sheriff – for hosting this hybrid COI Public Hearing.



AGENDA ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted with no changes.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – PUBLIC HEARING – PRESENTATION

Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda and Commissioners Jean Franklin and Mary Kenney provided an overview presentation on what redistricting is and how the LA County CRC differs from prior approaches.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST (COI) INPUT

A community of interest is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

The Zone H zip codes include:

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90024; 90025; 90034; 90035; 90045; 90049; 90064; 90066; 90067; 90073; 90077; 90094; 90095; 90210; 90212; 90230; 90232; 90245; 90250; 90254; 90260; 90261; 90263; 90265; 90266; 90272; 90274; 90275; 90277; 90278; 90290; 90291; 90292; 90293; 90401; 90402; 90403; 90404; 90405; 90501; 90502; 90503; 90504; 90505; 90506; 90704; 90710; 90717; 90731; 90732; 90744; 90745
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Although the focus was on Zone H, members of the public from other zip codes were welcomed and made public comment. Attendees were asked to complete the Community of Interest (COI) Google Forms, in lieu of speaker cards. The written and orally presented testimonies the public provided are summarized as COI input during the public hearing and posted on the LA County CRC for ease of access of the public. Individuals interested in learning about the public comments made can either:

- Refer to the COI Google Form summary (posted on the LA County CRC website for this public hearing)
- Listen to the YOUTUBE recording of the public hearing for the oral comments; these comments will be incorporated into the overall summary across public hearings

Speakers providing public testimony were:

- Robert Neff submitted maps to the California CRC in 2011 that did not split up cities and was in compliance with the Voting Rights Act, which proves this can be done. Keep cities whole. The Westside has the highest concentration of voter activity, measured by voting and contributions. Westside shouldn't be packed to be all in the same district ideally.
- McKenzie Bright (90275, Rancho Palos Verdes) Combine the peninsula (Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, Palos Verdes) with beach communities (Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach); they share services, Council of Governments (COG), and schools. Area divided by the 110, 405 and LAX to the north.
- Duane Muller (90095, UCLA) Senior Director, Gov. Relations at UCLA. Spoke on behalf of the UCLA Chancellor. UCLA has 46,000 students; is a regional economic engine with 4 hospitals in SD 3. Works closely with Westwood, Westside, North Westside Neighborhood Councils. Wants to be in one SD.
- Susan Petrulas Nissman (90290, Topanga) Unincorporated Topanga has a population of 8,500 in the Santa Monica Mountains. Home to the largest state park in California. Shares a variety of regional plans pertaining to Santa Monica Coastal Bay Watershed, emergency services, etc.
- Emily Amador (South LA) CHIRLA, USC. Not against development, but against displacement. Community
 of renters concerned about gentrification; share libraries, schools. South LA is surrounded by the 110, 405,
 and Jefferson Boulevard and is similar to Gardena, Crenshaw, Inglewood.
- Roger Pugiliese (90290, Las Virgenes) Keep Santa Monica Mountains in 1 SD because they share watershed and coastal plans. Las Virgenes Homeowners Association and Topanga resident.
- Carrie Carrier (90290, Topanga) Topanga Town Council. Loves the Santa Monica Mountains. Shared issues
 of the environment and wildfire protection, coastal plans (to the south), and watershed plans (to the north)



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 Jeremy Payne (90004, West Hollywood) – West Hollywood, home to a cohesive voter group of LGBQT+, similar to Westwood, Hollywood, East Hollywood, and parts of the SFV (Studio City, Valley Village)

AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Thank you, West Los Angeles College, for hosting the Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission on August 19, 2021



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